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MUST EXPECT FIGHTING IN CRETE TO INCREASE IN SEVERITY: MR. CHURCHILL DESCRIBES THE METHOD OF ATTACK: QUERY ON UNIFORMS

"AT 9 P.M. ON TUESDAY THE SITUATION WAS REPORTED TO BE IN HAND BUT FIGHTING IS CONTINUING AND WE MUST EXPECT IT TO INCREASE IN SEVERITY," declared the PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINTON CHURCHILL, yesterday when he gave the HOUSE OF COMMONS the latest information on the situation in CRETE, states a Reuter message.

Speaking in London yesterday, MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, said that at Crete one of the greatest battles of the war was being fought.

"WE ARE SHOWING IN CRETE," said the First Lord, "THAT WHEN THE BRITISH SOLDIER MEETS THE GERMAN ON EQUAL GROUND THERE IS NO DOUBT ON WHICH MAN TO PUT YOUR MONEY—IT IS THE ENGLISHMAN."

In his statement in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister said that in Suda Bay further air-borne attacks began at 4.40 p.m. on Tuesday.

ABOUT THREE THOUSAND MEN WERE DROPPED AND BY 6.30 P.M. THE GREATER PART WERE ACCOUNTED FOR.

TREMENDOUS LOT HANGS ON OUTCOME

"A tremendous lot hangs on the outcome. A German defeat here and the consequent blow to their prestige would be of immense value to us," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B. B. C. commentator, when he broadcast from London last night on the situation in Crete.

Maj. Murray said that the landing of parachute and air-borne troops showed how desperate the Germans were to occupy Crete in as short a time as possible.

"We certainly do not seem to have succeeded in occupying the whole of the island could they maintain themselves there?"

Maj. Murray expressed the opinion that they could not hope to reinforce or keep going their aerial advance guard.

They may use the ships which they had taken in Greek harbours but the Germans would have to reckon with the British Navy. It looked rather as if one or two German transports had got through.

"The news of the last few hours," added Maj. Murray, "shows that the attack yesterday morning was only a preliminary as was to be expected. The fate of the parachutists, disguised in New Zealand battle dress, is in the hands of our Commander on the spot."

MEN TO SACRIFICE

The Germans, said Maj. Murray, seemed to have abundant men and planes to sacrifice and even if they

Ammunition Dump Blown Up To West Of Sollum

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter)—Empire forces in Abyssinia are in touch with the Italians 45 miles to the north of Soddu, according to the latest information reaching London today.

In Southern Abyssinia, bad roads and bad weather are delaying the pursuit of the enemy.

The surrender of the Duke of Aosta and the Italian garrison at Amba Alagi is proceeding. About 19,000 prisoners have been taken.

To the west of Sollum in North Africa, British artillery blew up a large enemy ammunition dump on Monday.

This is an important achievement, as the enemy will have to transport further supplies across the desert.

Deciding America's Fate

TOKYO, May 21 (Reuter)—The movement of United States public opinion during the next few days is definitely important in deciding America's fate, declares the YOMIURI SHIMBUN in a leading editorial discussing President Roosevelt's policy to work up support for the participation in the war.

The paper believes President Roosevelt and the War Cabinet might possibly favour the seizing of French possessions in the Western Atlantic and Dakar "which will be tantamount to plunging into war whether declaration of war is made or not."

The paper asserts though armed convoys lead to war, "President Roosevelt is prepared to go that far."

Today's News Summary

LATEST INFORMATION on the situation in Crete, which is reported to be in hand, was given in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister who stated that we must expect the fighting to increase in severity. A greater part of the 3,000 Germans who had landed by parachute has been accounted for. Mr. Churchill also described the method of attack.

THE LABOUR PARTY has prepared two memoranda on war and peace for their annual conference to be held next month.

AN ENEMY AMMUNITION dump, west of Sollum, has been blown up by British forces and this is regarded as an important achievement.

AT AN INVESTITURE at Buckingham Palace, H.M. the King decorated a man with the first George Cross.

THE COURAGE AND determination with which American businessmen are carrying on in Shanghai has been praised.

IT IS REVEALED THAT with the surrender of Amba Alagi, 19,000 prisoners were taken.

Praise For Courage And Determination Of U.S. Businessmen

SHANGHAI, May 21 (Reuter)—PRAISE FOR THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION WITH WHICH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN SHANGHAI ARE CAREYING ON DESPITE DIFFICULTIES, is expressed in four messages from high officials received by the American Chamber of Commerce here and read during the annual Chinese-American Trade Tiffin today, which was attended by leading local Chinese and American businessmen.

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LABOUR MEMORANDA ON WAR, PEACE: NO INTEREST MUST STAND IN WAY OF UNHAMPERED USE OF NATIONAL RESOURCES

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter)—Insistence that "THE NECESSARY PRELUDE TO A JUST PEACE IS A TOTAL VICTORY," Labour's determination to fight until Nazism and Fascism are overthrown and a demand that the principle of equity must underline Britain's war effort and peace effort, are voiced in two memoranda drawn up by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party.

These memoranda will be submitted to the 40th annual conference of the Party to be held in London in June.

One deals with "the war" and the other with "the peace."

The first declares that no interest, however powerful, must stand in the way of the unhampered use of the national resources.

"Such use, combining equity and efficiency, can alone assure a speedy triumph."

"With an undivided will, the nation stands ready for the grim test of endurance that the summer months are likely to bring."

Hess Should Be Removed To Cell In The Tower

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter)—A newspaper in India stated that there can be no peace with the Nazis and suggested that HERR HESS should be removed from the roomy hospital, where he is at present staying, TO A CELL IN THE TOWER OF LONDON.

SECRET SESSION

Mr. Churchill was asked in the House of Commons today, whether, when the House goes into secret session, the members would hear the correspondence which had passed between Herr Hess and the Duke of Hamilton.

The Prime Minister replied that he did not think the matter was relevant to the issue to be discussed and added that a statement would soon be made to relieve any anxiety about that correspondence.

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Unexpected Opposition Put Up By South China In Tilt With The Mindanao Squad

BY R.O.Y.

A FULL PROGRAMME OF PRE-SEASON TRAINING MATCHES WAS PLAYED AT THE CAROLINE HILL ball-park during the weekend under a blazing sun that made things uncomfortable for players and spectators alike.

The U.S.S. Tulsa, newcomers to the local league competition, appeared in a double-header, in the first leg of which they chalked up a 25-0 triumph over the Royal Engineers. Strickland hurled a one-hitter against the hapless Sappers who used two hurlers, Radcliffe and Heath, in an unsuccessful attempt to turn the Tulsa attack.

Maxwell paced the bluejackets' stellar performance with the slingers with four hits in six trips; Hickory was Dave Leonard's 3-in-4. To the plate, his bag including one that drove in three of the Brewers' two-bagger. Longest hitter was tallies. Slim Arculli and George Germonto, who hit for the circuit in the fifth with the sacks loaded.

Germonto paced the Tulsa attack with two bungles in three times at bat, although Maxwell and Bud Quinn also garnered two hits apiece, the last-named connecting for a triple.

Taylor slumped out a dinky single for the Sappers only hit, that robbed Strickland of the honour of hurling the season's first "perfect" game.

10-4 TROUTING

Fresh from their victory over the Sappers, the Tulsamen took on the Hongkong Brewers on Sunday morning, but took a 10-4 trouncing as the winners staged three three-run rallies in the first, third and fourth frames.

UNEXPECTED OPPOSITION

The best of the week-end sessions was the South China-Mindanao tussle, in which the navy lads registered a close 4-1 victory. South China put up unexpectedly strong opposition and gave a sound, fielding display in support of Shanghai star twirler Kenny Moy, who, having not yet limbered up, contented himself with throwing straight fast balls. It will be interesting to see what this newcomer to local baseball will produce when he really gets going.

As in past seasons, the Chinese showed up poorly with the bat and managed to garner only three safeties of the hurling of "Ski" Powlawski who had eight of the Chinese lads fanning the breeze, beside leading the winning batters in attack with two hits in three trips to the plate.

The Mindanao gang got to Moy for seven hits which included doubles by Willie Wilson and Powlawski, and fully merited the decision.

For a training session the fielding of both squads was remarkably sound, both teams committing but two bobbles apiece. Although the South China bunch were way behind in the number of hits garnered, they did register the longest hits of the game which were three-baggers, by Nelson Ma and Kwan Wing-tin. Judging from this display, both the Mindanao and South China should give the Brewers a keen fight for this season's pennant.

SOFTBALL FRACAS

A counter-attraction to the Mindanao-South China game on Sunday afternoon was the Canuckettes-Socony softball fracas at Lai Chi Kok. After some downright bantidry by Tony Germonto, who was calling the bases, the Canuckettes managed to nose out the Oilers by 13 tallies to 10. Hits were twelve apiece but the lassies ten pilfered sacks, it is still being debated whether they were stolen by the baserunners or the umpire, turned the scale in their favour.

As expected, the Oilers garnered two homers to prove themselves the heavier hitters but even these were not enough to offset the consistency of the umpire's judgment.

CARDINALS BEATEN

On Saturday afternoon, a depleted Cardinal squad journeyed to Stubb's Road to tackle the True Light schoolgirls who maintained their promising form by chalking up a convincing win over a squad that gave some good displays in the Ladies' League.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

RACING.—Entries Close for Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Extra Race Meeting, 12 noon. TENNIS.—Fourth Division: A. T. C. v. P.O.R.C. (1), C.B.A. v. J. R. C. v. I. R. C. v. Filipino Club, K.I.T.C. v. South China A.A. C.R.C. v. C.C.C.

WATER-POLO.—8th Coastal Regt. v. Small Units (Army), 6.45 p.m.; Scots v. Middlesex B (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division: Recreio "B" v. Recreio "A", Police R.C. v. Craigengower, Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.

Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Civil Service, Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Indian R.C. Second Division: Hongkong F.C. v. Recreio, Princeton O.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Tai Kok R.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Craigengower v. Kowloon F.C. Third Division: Recreio v. Craigengower, Indian R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C., Hongkong Electric v. Hongkong F.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Police R.C.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

WATER-POLO.—5th A.A. v. Navy

"B" (Navy), 11 a.m.; 8th Coastal Regt. v. Middlesex "B" (Y.M.C.A.), 11 a.m.

C.B.C. GALA

The Chinese Bathing Club will hold their first swimming gala of the season at North Point on Saturday, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The programme will include two open events, a men's 200 metres relay and a ladies' 100 metres free style.

Other events will be a children's 50 metres free style, handicap; ladies' 50 metres free style handicap; men's 100 metres free style race; blindfold race; ladies' 100 metres breast stroke race; men's 50 metres free style race and an obstacle race.

VALLEY TRAINING TIMES

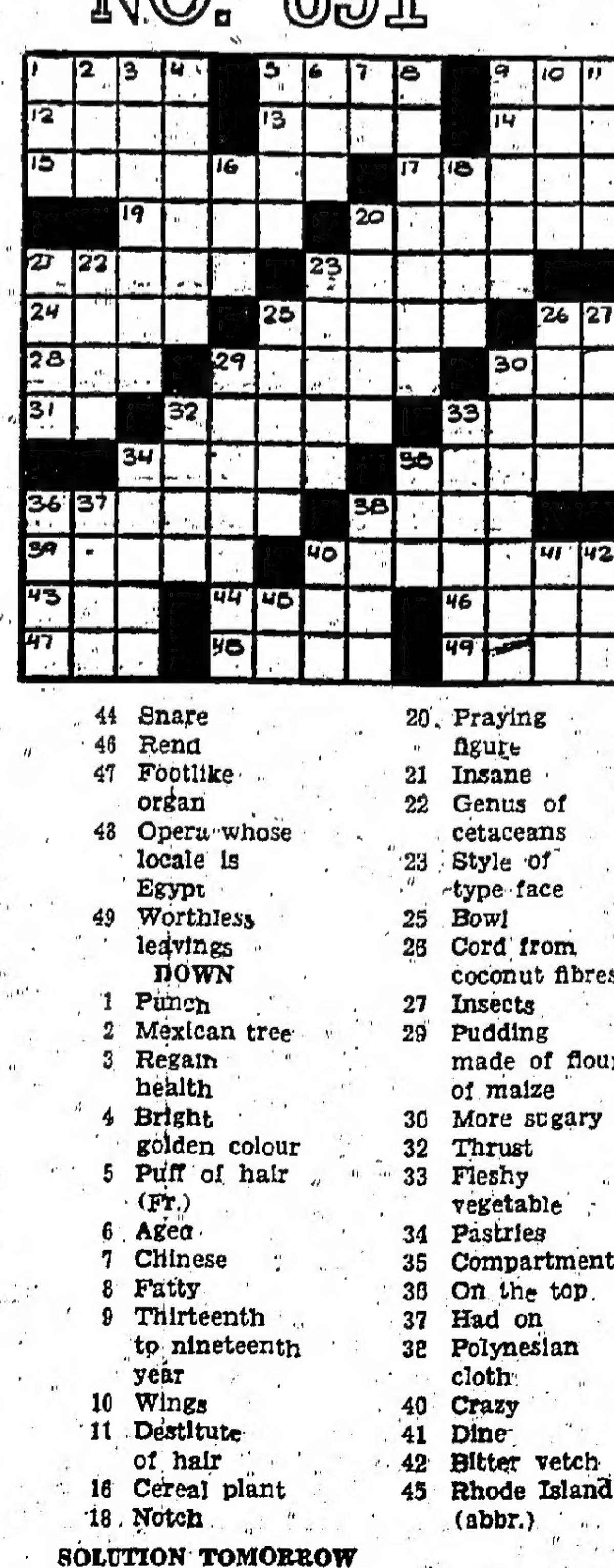
The following times were clocked during the training gallops held at Happy Valley yesterday morning:

	Dls-	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
	Quar.	Quar.	Quar.	Quar.	Quar.	Quar.
The Koala Bear	4	36	1.09	1.38		29
Quick Despatch	1	37	1.09	1.422	2.11	28.3
Angel of Glory	1	41	1.12	1.422	2.12	29.3
National Courage	1	36	1.06	1.37.2	2.05.4	28.2
Johnber	4	34	1.05.3	1.35.3		29.2
Cheerful Star	1	33	1.11	1.44.2	2.14.2	30
Joan and Amber II	1	32.2	1.04.1	1.34.3	2.03.2	28.4
Rowan	1	35	1.03.3	1.44	2.13.4	29.4
Starlight View and Mount						
tdy View	1	33	1.05.1	1.35	2.04	29
Twinkling Star	1	39	1.18.3	1.47.4	2.16	28.1
Moonlight	1	29	1.58.2	1.26.2	1.54.1	27.4
Googly	1	36.2	1.70	1.41.3	2.10.2	28.4
Eve of Heaven	1	41	1.19.3	1.58	2.31.3	33.2
Beauford and Blue Gown	1	36	1.72	1.43	2.15	32
King's Flight	1	37.2	1.14.3	1.47.2	2.18	30.3
Wonderful Scheme	1	43	1.20	1.51	2.21	30
Tobaccoshop	1	32	1.02.2	1.33.2	2.02	28.3
Spring Hurst	1	39	1.17	1.49.4	2.18	28.1
Jus Gentium	1	32.3	1.03.3	1.33	2.02.3	29.3
Maple Star and Rising Star	1	37	1.11.2	1.42.1	2.10.1	29
Splifire and Happy Returns	1	33.2	1.03.2	1.33		29.3
Leading Star	1	39	1.17.3	1.51	2.18.2	27.2
Hornpipe	1	34.3	1.08.3	1.40	2.07.3	27.3
Gay Fox	1	31	1.02	1.30		28
Mainsail	1	34.2	1.05	1.35.2	2.03.2	28
Gloaming	1	34.3	1.09.1	1.42.4	2.10.1	27.2
Pigtail	1	36.1	1.09	1.39.2		30.2
Smiling Time	1	39	1.17.2	1.55.4	2.30.4	35
Fleetwing	1	34	1.04.4	1.35.2	2.03.3	28.1
Araxy II and Seal River	1	33.2	1.05.2	1.35		29.3
Shuttlecock	1	37	1.12	1.42		30
Avon	1	35	1.08	1.39.4		31.4
Contact	1	33.3	1.05	1.33.3		28.3
Amusement Tax	1	31	1.06.2	1.29.4		29.2
Hopeful Star	1	40.3	1.16	1.49	2.19.3	30.3
Night Express	1	36	1.11	1.46.3	2.18	31.2
Surprise Again	1	35	1.08	1.30	2.05	27
Gay Star	1	37.3	1.10.3	1.42		31.2
Iron Belle	1	36	1.08	1.41	2.11.4	30.4
Bendemeer	1	32.1	1.01.2	1.30.2		29
Cocklerol	1	34	1.06	1.37.3	2.06	28.2
Jober	1	36	1.10	1.43.2	2.15	31.3
Arnebier and Catterick	1	31.3	59.3	1.28.4	2.00.4	32
Bridge	1	33.3	1.03.2	1.34.2	2.02.2	28
Graceful View	1	31	1.00	1.28.2		28.2
Longdon and Senorita	1	32.3	1.04.1	1.35.3	2.04.3	29
Prairie View	1					

CHALLENGE BOWLS MATCH

A challenge lawn bowls match will be played at Chatham Road on Sunday between Kowloon Football Club and a team representing Hongkong Softball Association.

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COMING EVENTS

MAY

22—Tides: High 7:37 a.m. and 7:37 p.m. Low: 12:33 a.m. and 1:34 p.m. Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.; Sunset: 6:59 p.m. Entries Close for Sixth Extra Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, noon. St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Social Club, 8:45 p.m. Special Mtg. of Volunteer Officers' Mess, St. John's Place, Hut No. 6 6 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 6:30 p.m.

Cheer Club Bridge and Mahjong, 7:30 p.m.

23—Tides: High 7:52 a.m. and 8:33 p.m. Low: 12:57 a.m. and 2:08 p.m. Sunrise: 5:40 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m. British Foreign Bible Society Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.

La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "How I Became An Old Boy," 8 p.m.

Christ Church Concert, St. Andrew's Hall, 8:45 p.m.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. Hqs., Happy Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Cheer Club Darts and Table Tennis.

St. Andrew's Fellowship "Get-Together" Evening, 8:45 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.C.F.), Govt. House, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

24—Tides: High 8:14 a.m. and 9:18 p.m. Low: 1:37 a.m. and 2:47 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:40 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m. Mandarin Oratorical Contest, St. Stephen's Girls' School.

H.K. Polo Club Gymkhana, Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon.

25—Tides: High 8:36 a.m. and 10:03 p.m. Low: 1:20 a.m. and 3:26 p.m. Sunrise: 5:40 a.m.; Sunset: 7:01 p.m. Laying of foundation stone of extension of Po Leung Kuk, 5:30 p.m. by Lady MacGregor.

26—Tides: High 8:57 a.m. and 10:42 p.m. Low: 1:43 a.m. and 4:06 p.m. Sunrise: 5:40 a.m.; Sunset: 7:01 p.m. Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.

27—Tides: High 9:24 a.m. and 11:21 p.m. Low: 2:14 a.m. and 4:44 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:40 a.m.; Sunset: 7:02 p.m. La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture "Education Abroad," 8 p.m.

28—Tides: High 9:52 a.m. Low: 3:41 a.m. and 5:24 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:30 a.m.; Sunset: 7:02 p.m. Concert in aid of Airplane Fund Campaign, Lee Theatre.

Annual Meeting of Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, West Lounge, 6 p.m.

29—Tides: High 12:07 a.m. & 10:24 p.m. Low: 4:09 a.m. and 4:05 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.; Sunset: 7:02 p.m.

Half-yearly General Meeting of Voting Members of Jockey Club, Club House, Happy Valley, 5:30 p.m.

30—Tides: High 12:52 a.m. & 11:02 p.m. Low: 4:37 a.m. and 6:48 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.; Sunset: 7:03 p.m. La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture "The Foundations of Civilization," 8 p.m.

31—Tides: High 1:37 a.m. and 11:41 p.m. Low: 5:08 a.m. and 7:33 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.; Sunset: 7:03 p.m.

KING'S THEATRE
ATTRACTION

"The Villain Still Pursued Her"

Way back in 1844, when it first saw the light of gas footlights at the Boston Museum, it became at once the most thrilling melodrama ever to be presented on the American stage. Today, it emerges as uproarious comedy screen fare!

The famous old play which was called, among other things, "The Fallen Saved," bears the screen title, "The Villain Still Pursued Her" as screened by RKO Radio. It is slated for showing today at the King's Theatre.

The fundamentals of good drama which made the play the second most successful in the annals of American theatredom, were therefore withheld the test of time. The task ahead was to see the entire story from the modern audience's stand.

The selection of a stellar cast of comedy favourites aided in this aim. Hugh Herbert tops the list as Frederick Healy, reformer and philanthropist who helps save the hero, a slave to drink, from ignoble ruin. Anita Louise is the beauteous heroine, Alan Mowbray the deep-dyed villain who pursues her and Buster Keaton the friend who proves his nemesis. Joyce Compton plays Keaton's half-witted sister, Richard Cromwell is the ever-thirsty hero, Billy Gilbert the master of ceremonies who introduces the play to the audience, Margaret Hamilton the heroine's mother and Diane Fisher the darling daughter.

Illustrated catalogues will be on sale at the exhibition at 30 cents per copy.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter)—The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Fraser, reviewed New Zealand troops who returned from Greece. "I know you are all ready to perform a similar task if called upon," he told them.

GENERAL

Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

8:02 Al Bollington at the Organ, Irving Berlin Memories — Intro: What'll I do; Blue Skies; Always; How deep is the Ocean; Say it with music; You forgot to remember; Say it isn't so; The song is ended. Medley of Serenades — Intro: Serenade "Frasquita" (Lehar); Serenade (Heykens); Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (Toselli); Second Serenade (Heykens); Serenade ("Student Prince" — Romberg).

8:15 Studio—Local Newsletter. 8:30 Musical Comedy Selections. Anything Goes — Selection (Cole Porter) — Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans w. Vocal Chorus. Crest of the Wave—Selection—Patricia Rossborough (Piano), Words 'n' Music — Selection — Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. Gems from "No Nancie" (Vincent Youmans); Gems from "Rose-Marie" (Friml) — Light Opera Company.

9:00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9:15 Studio — "Broadcasting in the Blitz."

Talk by M. J. Abbott.

9:30 Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra with Maria Olczewska (Contralto).

"Le Prophete" — Coronation March (Meyerbeer)—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, Let Me Weep ("Rinaldo" — Handel) — Maria Olczewska (Contralto) with State Opera Orchestra. A Fairy Ballet (White); Raindrops — Pizzicato for Strings (Ravel) — Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

9:45 — 10:00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9:45 Benno Molschitz at the Piano.

Rhapsody in E Flat (Brahms). Polonaise in B Flat Major, Op. 71, No. 2 (Chopin); Grillen (Schumann). Mouvements Perpetuels (Poulenc).

10:00 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

By Shaw Desmond (Irish author).

10:15 Beethoven — "Prometheus" — Overture Op. 43 and Quartet in F Major.

"Prometheus" — Overture, Op. 43 — Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates. Quartet in F Major. Rassoumofsky" — Op. 59, No. 1 — 1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Allegretto vivace e sempre scherzando; 3rd Mov: Adagio molto e mesto; 4th Mov: Theme Russe—Allegro — Roth String Quartet.

11:00 Close Down.

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Y.M.C.A. THANKED

LONDON, May 21 (British Wireless)—The Duke of Kent yesterday visited the Y.M.C.A. headquarters here as Chief Welfare Officer of the Home Commands of the R.A.F. to convey the thanks of the R.A.F. for the urgent needs met by the Y.M.C.A. at isolated stations in all parts of the country particularly during the last difficult 10 months, charge—(Central News).

WELFARE OF MIAO PEOPLE

With a view to elevating the cultural standard of the Miao people and ameliorate their living conditions, the National New Life Movement Association is planning to establish a Miao People Service Station at a city in western Kweilin with Mr. Wu Tsch-ling in charge.—(Central News).

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases' notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 20:—Cholera, four cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 25 cases.

HEAVY AIR BOMBARDMENT PREFACED NAZI ATTACK ON CRETE

Attempt Believed To Be A Full-Dress Rehearsal For Invasion Of British Isles

CAIRO, May 21 (Reuter) — The German attack on Crete, which began just before dawn yesterday morning, and which was prefaced by Monday's heavy air bombardment, had been expected and the appointment of Major-General C. B. Freyberg, V.C., as Commander-in-Chief, together with reinforcement of the defences and manpower, indicates Allied preparedness.

Crete is a considerable menace to the enemy because of its proximity to the mainland, but its capture will prove extremely difficult. Lacking seapower, Germany must rely on air-borne troops; lacking landing grounds, the island is very mountainous—Germany must rely on parachute troops.

The use of engineless gliders, a foothold on Crete by parachutists can land more easily on tists and airborne troops; uneven ground, was a surprise questionably a most daring and hazardous move, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The British and Allied forces are assisted in the island's defence by the warlike Cretan hillsmen, whose womenfolk even are accustomed to the constant necessity of fighting to protect their homes.

CAPTAINS OF HELL'S

Led by "The Captains of the Hells," such as Captain Holyoake, who had killed ten men when he was still only nineteen years old, and the bearded giant, Captain Tan, the hillsmen are banded together, armed chiefly with knives and swords. They constitute a formidable "Home Guard" and intelligence Service and can be relied upon to deal with any Nazi parachutists unfortunate enough to fall into their hands.

SPORADIC BOMBING

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter) — Mr. Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons, stated that there is no reason to doubt that they would be more than a match for any airborne troops, whose numbers are necessarily limited.

The R.A.F. can be relied on to take a severe toll of the heavy Junkers planes, and the Royal Navy, with an anchorage at Suda Bay, should be in a position to maintain a pretty effective blockade against any approach to the Greek coast or the Dodecanese.

"A fairly strong enemy party is reported to the south of Canea-Malemi Road, which is not yet mopped up, but other parties are thought to be accounted for.

"I thought that the people would like to hear how the action has so far developed." (Cheers).

HAZARDOUS MOVE

The German attempt to establish

INDIANS AND SOUTH AFRICANS PRAISED BY PREMIER: COMMONS STATEMENT ON EAST AFRICA

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter) — In his statement in the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Winston Churchill referred to the South African army and said that they had played a most distinguished part in the East African fighting.

Continuing, Mr. Churchill said: "They had been ordered by General Smuts to go forward and now as this theatre is closing down, they are to move northwards to the Mediterranean. (Cheers).

"Also two British and Indian divisions gained laurels in the fighting at Kassala and all the way from Kassala to Kefen and up to the final events.

"These Indian divisions consist of six Indian battalions and three British battalions. Their ardour and faithful endurance of hardship have won the regard of their British comrades.

"Sometimes we have seen cases where not a single British officer remained and the battalion conducted itself in a most effective manner.

"Any account of this campaign reflects very high honour upon the soldiers of India of all castes and creeds engaged.

SOLLUM ACTION

"The second event which occurred since we were last here is the remarkably well-sustained action at Sollum. This is of interest because it was fought exclusively between British and German troops. It has not, I suppose, been found worth-while to maintain

U.S. JOURNALISTS DISAPPOINTED

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter) — President Roosevelt does not anticipate sending any special message to Congress in the near future. He announced this at his press conference yesterday, thus disappointing upward of 100 journalists present.

They had jammed Mr. Roosevelt's office for what was expected to be a momentous conference, in anticipation of an indication from the President of a "big decision," to Egypt.

STRATEGIC VALUE OF FALLUJAH

CAIRO, May 21 (Reuter) — The great strategic value of the Iraqi town of Fallujah, captured by the British from the rebels, is stressed in military circles here.

Fallujah bridge is the only crossing of the Euphrates between Habbaniyah and Baghdad. Had this narrow one-way traffic bridge been destroyed—and it is thought that the rebels had mined it—Habbaniyah would have been cut off from British land-borne reinforcements and, since the Euphrates is in full flood, would have caused considerable embarrassment to British operations in this area.

WAR MATERIAL

War material sent from Syria to Iraq has not gone through Turkish territory, according to a usually reliable source here, which reveals that the war material was sent by rail to Aleppo where it was unloaded and transferred to a fleet of Iraqi lorries which conveyed the material by road to Mosul.

COMBINED AIR AND LAND OPERATIONS

CAIRO, May 21 (Reuter) — The combined operations by land and air forces, with troop carriers operating from Habbaniyah, have resulted in the capture by the British forces of Fallujah, an important bridgehead across the Euphrates, linking Habbaniyah with Baghdad, writes Reuter's Special correspondent at Habbaniyah, Iraq.

Fallujah was being held by some of the Iraqi forces who had retired there after being ejected from the plateau overlooking Habbaniyah aerodrome. Altogether, a considerable area between Habbaniyah and Fallujah, had been flooded by the retiring Iraqi forces, and a successful detour was made by the British troops.

Simultaneously, troops carried by the R.A.F. troop-carrying planes landed on the desert east of Fallujah and surrounded the position on three sides.

LEAFLETS DROPPED

Leaflets had been dropped earlier, warning the inhabitants that an attack was imminent, unless the garrison surrendered.

After the prescribed interval, an attack began since no reply had been received.

The capture of this important bridgehead of some 15 miles from Habbaniyah opens up the road to Baghdad, which is only 35 miles across the desert from Fallujah. Iraq resistance was for the most part, not formidable and heavy bombing attacks which preceded land operations of the British forces, considerably aided the British success.

While the attack was in progress, a German Messerschmitt fighter made an appearance, but flew off at high speed when attacked by R.A.F. fighters.

Aleppo Drome Occupied By German Staff

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter) — But the Germans launched a resolute counter-attack with about 40 tanks and recaptured Capuzzo. That entailed the withdrawal of the armoured brigades from the advantageous position which they had attained.

The operations were, therefore, indecisive.

The Germans claim 100 British prisoners. We have 500 German prisoners and their losses in tanks and personnel are certainly as heavy, if not heavier, than ours.

"But this operation must be regarded as a background. For over six weeks past, the Germans have been proclaiming that they would shortly be in Suez and have been making much credit with the neutral world by spreading such a statement. It is, therefore, satisfactory to see that we have retained strong offensive power and that fighting is being maintained at Suez and have been

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SCARS LEFT BY COLLAPSE OF THE CHINA DOLLAR ARE NOT YET OBLITERATED

Annual Meeting Of H.K. Fire Insurance Company

AN INCREASE OF \$87,603.10 ON THE PROFIT OF THE WORKING ACCOUNT FOR 1940 as compared to that of 1939 was reported by the Chairman, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., held at noon yesterday.

The Chairman, however, warned the shareholders that, although that was an excellent showing they must not take too rosecate a view about the final outcome for 1941. By this time next year, "we shall have undergone a very material plucking and, for my part, I shall be well satisfied if we are left with as substantial a final balance as that for 1939, which the accounts before you now disclose."

Supporting the Chairman were Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. P. H. Suckling and Mr. S. T. Williamson (members of the Consulting Committee), and Messrs. M. H. Turner, M. H. Lo, J. H. Fleming, D. V. Steavenson, S. H. Compton-Ross, H. A. Wilmer, F. Tester and D. Hung (shareholders).

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Before proceeding with the formal business of this meeting, I would first wish to explain that the delay in holding it is entirely due to the late arrival of returns, without which it would have been impossible to complete the Accounts in anything like their customary form.

Further, I would here wish to express the regret of the General Managers and Consulting Committee at the resignation of Mr. J. H. Taggart on his retirement from the Colony owing to ill-health. Mr. Taggart had served on the Committee from July 1933 and over that period his valued support and advice were constantly at our disposal. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery to health. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. P. H. Suckling has accepted our invitation to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

CHINA'S CURRENCY

Exchange between Shanghai and Hongkong continued its downward trend from \$10 on Dec. 31, 1939 to \$15 which was the rate current at the end of last year. Today it is hardly necessary for me to reiterate how adversely our figures have suffered as the result of the disastrous vagaries of China's currency.

The balance at credit of 1940 Working Account after twelve months is \$741,199.92 an increase of \$87,603.10 on that for the year 1939 at the same stage. Although this makes an excellent showing, I would caution you against taking too rosecate a view about the final outcome. Losses are heavy as is taxation, which latter must necessarily be expected, to increase during the present state of World affairs. By this time next year we shall have undergone a very material plucking and, for my part, I shall be well satisfied if we are left with as substantial a final balance as that for 1939, which the Accounts before you now disclose.

SERIOUS SHRINKAGE

You will probably have noticed the serious shrinkage in income from interest and were it not for the general excellence of the Account for 1938 and the carry forward for Account 1940, your Committee would have been doubtful of the wisdom of recommending a distribution on the same scale as last year. The reasons for this fall in interest are not hard to seek, the rates at which we were previously able to employ our funds being now almost halved.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$669,935.45—the balance of 1938 Account—and we recommend the payment of \$11 per share, absorbing \$440,000 and the appropriation of the residue of \$229,935.45 to Reinsurance Fund.

A review of the Balance Sheet will show that while all our Reserves are in healthy condition, the scars left by the collapse of the China dollar are not yet obliterated, nor can this be anticipated for some years to come. You will notice an increase in the amount at credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, this being due to the uplift in values of our investments at the end of last year. It is to be hoped that such a condition of affairs will continue, though there are some signs of wilting in the prices of our local securities.

"ALL LOOKS WELL"

I trust you will approve if I don't talk about the future, these being times wherein it is unwise to hazard

POSSESSION OF RIFLE & AMMUNITION

ACCUSED CONVICTED AT SESSIONS TRIAL

Ten months' hard labour each were imposed on Mak Mau and Ho Lam by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when they were found guilty by a jury of a charge of unlawful possession of one rifle and 32 rounds of ammunition at Castle Peak on April 26.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, prosecuted assisted by Insp. Mottram, and the following comprised the jury—Messrs. L. Gardner (Foreman), H. A. Waller, L. F. Xavier, Yao Tien-ning, Leung Wing, Leung Sik-hong and Jackson Hsuing Lau.

CASE OUTLINED

Mr. Abbott, outlining the case, said on April 26 a party of police officers went to Kap Shek Kok, Castle Peak, which place amounts to almost a collection of boulders. The police split into three parties.

One of the parties sighted a boat in which were four men. Two of them dashed away and one of them was seen carrying something which at a distance looked like a rifle. Second accused who was one of the two that stayed behind was arrested. The Police searched the boulders and in a crevice they found a rifle and 32 cartridges to fit the rifle. Some time later two men were found hiding under a boulder, and they were arrested, one of them being first accused.

SELF-PROTECTION

When charged at the police station, first accused, in a statement, said he brought the arms from Hal Kwoong for self-protection, while second accused stated they transported goods to and fro from Hal Kwoong and often met robbers and had brought the arms and ammunition for protection.

The rifle was examined by the police and found to have been fired recently while the ammunition fit the rifle which was a 7.9 mm. gun.

Without retiring the jury returned a verdict of guilty against both defendants.

FRENCH CONSULATE

The offices of the French Consulate will be closed to the general public today, Thursday, May 22, being the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year, and that their fees for 1940 be augmented by \$500. This was seconded by Mr. H. A. Wilmer and carried unanimously.

GOVERNMENT CAN DO NOTHING FOR ALLEGED EX-NIGHTSOIL COOLIES

"I have told the Police that I am prepared to receive any delegation that might want to see me, but so far no one has yet turned up," said the Chairman of the Urban Council, HON. MR. W. J. CARRIE, yesterday afternoon when interviewed in connexion with the gathering of 50 or 60 women on the pavement outside the Post Office building.

These women, many of whom arrived at 10.30 a.m., contented themselves with sitting on the pavement but no disturbance was created.

Asked if the Government intend to do anything about the matter, Mr. Carrie stated that there was nothing the Government could do for these alleged former nightsoil coolies. The crowd dispersed shortly after 6 p.m.

CITY RIOT SEQUEL

Mr. Yuen Ching-ling, Chairman of the Luen Yik Guild, representative body of the former nightsoil coolies, was requested to go to Police Headquarters yesterday in connexion with the demonstration and riot at the Urban Council offices.

"NOT PHYSICALLY FIT" "Many of those who were in the crowd yesterday," went on Mr. Carrie, "are not physically fit to do the job and it is strongly doubted if they have ever carried any bucket. They are small contractors who do not hesitate to exploit child labour and cheap labour.

"I feel sorry for them as they have lost their business. But it must be admitted that the former system was entirely unsatisfactory as much of the work was not properly done."

Asked whether the pouring of water and chloride of lime on the

GENERAL

NUTRITION FILM TO BE SHOWN TODAY

We are informed by the Director of Medical Services that the second presentation of the film entitled "Enough to Eat" with commentary by Professor Julian Huxley will be given under the auspices of the Nutrition Research Committee at 11 a.m. today at the Central Theatre, Queen's Road Central, by kind permission of the Manager.

Readers will remember that the film caused widespread interest when first shown at the Queen's Theatre last December when it was introduced by His Excellency Lieutenant General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., at that time administering the Government of Hong Kong.

Since that date, the Nutrition Research Committee has had Chinese captions added to make the film available to a wider public.

It is learned that it is the hope of the Nutrition Research Committee to make a "talkie" locally in Chinese—with English captions—on the lines of "Enough to Eat," but substituting Hongkong scenes and local foodstuffs for scenes in Great Britain and European foods.

All members of the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, registered medical practitioners, registered nurses and midwives, medical students, teachers and social welfare workers will be welcomed to attend the showing which takes about thirty minutes.

BRUTAL CHOPPER ATTACK

Three Chinese, armed with a chopper, injured a man in an unnumbered hut in Tsui Wan Village, New Territories South, yesterday morning.

Wong Tai, sister of the wounded man, reported that about 2.30 a.m.

three robbers entered the hut.

The brother attempted to resist and was brutally wounded by the robbers with a chopper. The intruders decamped with only \$5.

The man was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to the head, face and arm.

RICE QUERY RAISED AT CENTRAL MAGISTRACY

The question of whether Government fixed rate for Grade I rice applies to an allegedly better kind was raised before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when Chan Sau-chi, manager of the KIN TAI LOONG rice firm, No. 27, Bonham Strand West, appeared on three summonses for selling rice on three occasions at a price higher than Government fixed rate, which offence is a breach of the Defence Regulations.

He was alleged to have sold 17,935.5 catties of Grade I rice at \$14.88 per picul to Chau Yuk-hang, of the Wah Cheong Rice Shop, No. 94, Connaught Road West, on Mar. 21; 33,352 catties at \$14.27 per picul to Chau Plik-son, of the Shing Shun Rice Shop, No. 103, Connaught Road West, on Apr. 14; and 35,948 catties at \$17.22 per picul to Fung Don, of the Nam Fat Rice Shop, on Apr. 20.

The Government fixed wholesale price for that grade of rice was stated to be \$14.40 per picul.

Defendant was represented by Mr. Edgar Davidson who pleaded not guilty. Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett was for the prosecution.

First complainant, Chau Yuk-hang, in evidence, said that the Wah Cheong rice shop, of which he was the accountant, purchased 100 bags of rice, containing about 17,935.5 catties, from defendant's firm on Mar. 21 for \$2,727.56. After deducting \$21.52 tax, two per cent. brokerage fee, coolie and other fees from that sum, witness said that the price per picul of the rice purchased was \$14.88, which was the rate agreed upon by both parties.

SPECIAL GRADE

Chau Plik-son, second complainant, testified that the 185 bags of rice he bought from defendant's firm at \$5,545 was a special grade of rice with only about five per cent. of broken rice mixed in it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davidson, witness said that Government Grade I rice was "Saigon" rice, while the rice that he purchased from defendant came from Siam, which was definitely superior to the former class of rice.

Witness said that he was a wholesale dealer and that he sold the purchased rice to retailers at \$17 per picul.

Mr. Davidson: You are then breaking the law.

Witness: I can't help it. This rice is much superior to Government Grade I rice. I have to sell it at the Nam Pak Hong quotation. If someone goes to your shop

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WITH THE PATENT
"SURELOCK" CLASP



MESSAGE TO ROOSEVELT

CHINA'S THANKS FOR ASSISTANCE

The Chinese Youth League, the Chinese Youth War Relief Association, the University Students' Union, the Hongkong Students' Relief Association and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. will send a message to President Roosevelt. It reads as follows:

"Dear President Roosevelt: Our War of Resistance will soon enter into its fourth year in July 1941. We beg to express our keen appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the financial and material assistance which you and your people have rendered us. We are particularly gratified to note that a 'China Week' campaign commenced on May 18 in which the American people take the lead to raise funds for the relief of our people. Therefore, we take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for this exhibition of kindness and friendliness on the part of the American people and to congratulate them upon having the greatest leader in you."

"The Japanese startled the world by plunging the Far East into war. The threatening clouds in Europe have failed to check the ambitious oceanic policy of the Japanese. For the past three years our army have given heavy blows to the aggressor. We are aware that our responsibility is heavy in maintaining peace and justice. Nevertheless, our people will exert their best efforts to help bring about a reign of international goodwill and make the world safe for democracy."

More people are drinking
Blue Label



NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Effective 20th instant, all rates to the Straits will be increased by approximately 20% (transhipment rates increased approximately 25%).

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
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THE INDO-CHINA
STEAM NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.NOTICE OF GENERAL
MEETING.

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the
Company will be held at the
Offices of the General Managers,
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, on Thursday, 10th July,
1941, at noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors, passing the Accounts,
and electing Directors and
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from the
3rd July to the 24th July
inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.
General Managers
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1941.

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G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CON-
DITIONS of the Sale by Public
Auction to be held on Monday,
the 26th day of May, 1941, at 3
p.m., at the Offices of the Public
Works Department, by Order of
His Excellency the Governor of
one Lot of Crown Land at
Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong
Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of
renewal at a Crown Rent to be
fixed by the Surveyor of His Ma-
jesty the KING, for one further
term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised
that immediately after the dis-
posal of the lot the Purchaser
(if not the applicant) will be
required to deposit with an
authorised officer who will be
present at the sale, the sum of
two hundred dollars, (\$200), in
cash. This sum will be refunded
on payment of the Purchase
price.

AN OPEN conflict against
the British Empire and the
United States will deprive her
of these markets, for not only
would it cut off her exports of
raw silk and manufactured
goods, but it would prevent
her from finding a market for
her foreign exchange which
she will need to pay for her
imports. The long-drawn-out
"China Incident," which Japan
hoped to terminate to her
own advantage in a few short
months, has already had its
effect on her economic life
and greater sacrifices were
imposed on Japan's trade and
industry when an attempt
was made to adjust her
national economy on a Total-
itarian basis. With the pros-
pect of settling the "China
Incident" receding further,
as a result of British and
American determination to
render China all the assistance
possible to resist the
aggression to which she has
been subjected, any further
action which would bring the
country up against two of the
strongest Western Powers will
place additional burdens on a
people who are war-weary
and who have been under-
going the greatest hardships
in their daily existence.

THESE are the risks which
Japan is facing and the
realisation of this has at last
begun to dawn on those cir-

No. of Sale No. of Lot	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet			Annual Rental	Upset Price
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Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4306.	Playing Field Road bet- ween Yau Yuen Street and Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok.	As per map plan.	About 7,850	144	17,560			

The purchaser of the lot will be
required to pay to the auctioneer
in cash the sum of \$1,755.00
(being 10% of the upset price)
immediately after the fall of the
hammer, the balance of the
premium being paid in accordance
with the Conditions of Sale.

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WANT-ADS
are Seen!

EDITORIAL

FINE CONCERT
ENJOYED AT
NAVAL HOSP.

Mrs. Eu and family wish to announce that the funeral of the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen will take place on Thursday, May 22, 1941, at 10 a.m. Friends who wish to pay their last respects to the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen may attend at the Yat, Ting, at Kennedy Town, between 12.30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

Artists taking part included Elvie Yuen, Gertrude Goodard and Maude Deacon, while others contributing to the unqualified success of the programme were Freddy Archer, George Frost, Les Gibson, "Mysto" the memory man, Stanley Hincliff, John Gilchrist, Mitzi Green, Ian Heath (at the piano), "Scotch," Will Knight, Ross Shields and others.

Every item in the well-arranged programme was well received and reflects the greatest credit on compere Kossick.

The programme included "Mere Deception," "From Underground," "A Discourse," "Up-to-date Girl," "A Lady of Song" and "Old Favourites."

Refugees In
The Colony

An increase of 145 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc. in urban and rural areas is recorded in the Returns for the week ending on May 17:

URBAN AREAS:

King's Park: 1,298 against 1,205 on May 10.

Ma Tau Chung: 2,002 against 1,906 on May 10.

North Point: 1,526 against 1,528 on May 10.

Morrison Hill: 510 against 510 on May 10.

URBAN AREAS (SQUATTERS' CAMPS):

Tai Hang: 2,547 against 2,557 on May 10.

Ngau Tau Kok: 807 against 807 on May 10.

RURAL AREAS:

Kam Tin: 2,562 against 2,502 on May 10.

Fanling Children's Camp: 383 against 265 on May 10.

Total: 11,715 against 11,570 on May 10.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
WEEKLY RETURN

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 1941, there were altogether 76 traffic accidents as the result of which two persons were killed and 23 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, a 9-year-old Chinese boy and a 10-year-old Chinese girl were knocked down and killed by a private car and lorry respectively while crossing the carriageway.

Of 79 accidents, 38 were collisions between vehicles; 28 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 13 accidents were due to other causes.

Accidents which are in close touch with Japan's economic position. Many of them have, indeed, warned the Government against pursuing a policy of reckless military adventure under the influence of Japanese extremists. The Government, therefore, must be well aware of the position as it appears to economic experts in the country. In an effort to placate these circles, the Japanese Government has at various times endeavoured to justify their policy by alleging that Great Britain and the United States are engaged in a deliberate attempt to strangle Japan economically and that her present policy of expansion is necessary to counter this. As a matter of fact, the steps taken by Great Britain and the United States, however much they might have been influenced by Japan's inimical attitude, are primarily based on their own war needs and war economy. Such measures would not have been adopted if Japan's sympathy for the Axis Powers had also not raised the possibility of much of these imports of raw materials passing into German and Italian hands. These reasons are more cogent than the futile excuses given by Japan in an attempt to justify their policy to their anxious people.

CORRESPONDENCE

CONGRATULATIONS

The Editor, H. K. Daily Press

Sir,—Congratulations and thanks for the public-spirited way your paper has made enquiries into and published revelations about the various "rackets" in this Colony.

The astounding revelations published, from time to time, in your paper regarding the Tse Fa, immigration, rice, and firewood "rackets" have been most timely and useful. The steps taken by Government and other quarters in the suppression of these "rackets" have earned the gratification of, and brought great relief to, countless Chinese who happen to make up the exploited and articulate mass of the local population.

This morning your paper has directed public attention to another "racket"—the boarding houses and passage ticket "racket", which has, in fact, flourished in this Colony for some considerable time. If our authorities could only trace the sharing of the "takings" of this "racket", it would be stamped out quickly and effectively, once and for all.

Being an ordinary citizen who admires the British way of governing, I am at a loss to understand how all these "rackets" could be allowed to assume such astounding and scandalous proportions.

Yours etc., T.
(Herewith my card)

REPLY TO "RICE"

The Editor, H. K. Daily Press

Sir,—In reply to your "correspondent," "RICE," whose letter appeared in your newspaper on Tuesday, I shall be glad if you will be so very kind as to let me have the use of your valuable columns to reply to him.

"RICE" seemed to be somewhat mixed-up about who was making all the money he said they were making. As I said to your reporter at the interview, we buy from the importers and sell to the retailers making only about six cents per picul. This six cents has to include keeping the rice in store for them and interest for ten days.

The members of the Hongkong Rice Importers' General Association (Nam Pak Hong) are the importers of rice in Hongkong and

it has always been they who fixed the prices for us. We, the Rice Merchants' Association of Hongkong, sell to the members of the Hongkong Rice Retailers' United Association. So "RICE" can see that neither we nor the retailers could control the prices, neither could we form any ring.

"RICE" was also wrong in his figures. Hongkong could not possibly consume 10,000 piculs of rice every day as there are only about one million rice-eating people here. Each person averages half-a-catty of rice a day which makes it only 500,000 catties or 5,000 piculs.

I do not know where he got the SQUEEZE figures from, but it is definitely not the amount that our members make on every picul. (I wish we do make that amount.)

I may say that our members are always willing to produce to Government their account books to prove that they are not responsible for the recent increase in the prices.

Thanking you for the favour of publishing this letter.

Yours etc.,

YOUNG WING YAU
Chairman, Rice Merchants'

Association of
Hongkong.

WEDDINGS AT
REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:

Chan Chup-man, merchant, of No. 183 Hennessy Road, and Miss Kwok Hang-kon, of No. 11 Staunton Street, second floor.

Mr. Tai Tang-ngok, contractor, of No. 328 Queen's Road West, and Miss So Shim-wan, of No. 4 Somerset Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday:

Mr. Leonel Antonio da Silva, clerk, of No. 29 Kimberley Road, and Miss Bertalina Benta Cruz, telephone operator, of No. 17 Hillwood Road.

Mr. Khong Hiu-mun, photographer, and Miss Hui Chin-nga, of No. 4 Graham Street.

C.N.A.C. PLANE
FORCED DOWN
BY JAPANESE

A China National Aviation Corporation aeroplane D.C.-3 was forced down on Tuesday morning by Japanese bombers at Suifu, on the Yangtze River. Just above Chungking.

The plane was being piloted by an American pilot, Mr. Hugh L. Woods, of Colorado Springs, and there were among the passengers two Americans, Dr. and Mrs. E. Brown, who passed through Hong Kong a week ago.

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CYRIL LAKIN

LAST PITIABLE SHREDS OF VICHY'S HONOUR IS NOW IN HITLER'S CLASP

"If we are going to keep the events of the last week in proper perspective, we must put aside for the moment two sudden and striking turns in recent affairs—the major offensive which has ended in Abyssinia and another which has opened in Crete. But first place of importance must be given to the chapter of what Mr. Churchill had called, 'the squalid tale of what is going on in Vichy and those parts of the French Empire still under Vichy's control.'"

The above remarks form the opening comment of a broadcast from London yesterday by MR. CYRIL LAKIN, Assistant Editor of THE TIMES and a well-known authority on political developments.

Mr. Lakin said that when Admiral Darlan went to Berchtesgaden there was little to be hoped from his visit. The last pitiable shreds of Vichy's honour had now been left in Hitler's clasp. The Vichy Government had now expanded its policy of collaboration with Germany even as far as Africa was concerned.

Mr. Lakin said that there was nothing in the terms of armistice to allow the Germans the military use of French possessions in Africa. Many very serious possibilities would now be involved in this Vichy humiliation. There would be, for instance, the use by the Germans of Tunis in the Mediterranean and the French West African ports in the Atlantic. And, now, there was news of Vichy's agreement to permit the Germans to use the French military and air bases in Syria.

BLUSTERING PROTEST

Referring to what he described as "the blustering protest by Gen. Dentz" against the action taken by the British, Mr. Lakin recalled that Gen. Dentz was the officer to whom had been given the job of handing over Paris to the Germans.

"We have not yet come to the end of this squalid story," continued Mr. Lakin, "and there is a strong suspicion that Admiral Darlan's Berchtesgaden bargaining has also given the Germans the use of Cologne and Marseilles."

"So far, in spite of Vichy's complicity it does not appear that the Germans have been able to marshal any great forces for an attack on the oilfields of Iraq."

Mr. Lakin then turned to another stage of current developments—the attack by air-borne troops on Crete. He said that the invasion by the first batch of air-force troops would not be the last so the British would have to be prepared for a very big struggle. General Freyberg, V.C., had been able to round up the whole lot of the advance party in quick time, and it was hoped that he would be able to deal as satisfactorily with any others that might follow.

DEFEND TO DEATH

"Only a fortnight ago the Prime Minister described Crete as one of the important outposts that Britain would defend to the death," said Mr. Lakin. "This outpost rises in the path of the Germans for their drive to Syria and Iraq and we must be prepared to see the Germans' determination to seize it, as we are determined to keep it."

Mr. Lakin next referred to the fighting in LIBYA where, he said, the British had captured five times as many prisoners as the Germans claimed to have done.

The Germans had retaken Capuzzo but the British had still retained their position at Sollum while the garrison at Tobruk had given the German commander plenty to think about.

German prisoners who have been taken in this area had declared that the R.A.F. had given them no rest. This was what the Germans had done to the Poles and Yugoslavs, and they were now getting a taste of their own medicine.

"The next development is the collapse of all Italian resistance in Abyssinia," continued Mr. Lakin. "Although the Duke of Aosta's last refuge at Amba Alagi was strong he could not hold his position when all hope of reinforcement had been cut off. The daring of the British troops had won one of the most astonishing campaigns in military history."

THE HOME FRONT

Turning to the Home front, Mr. Lakin referred to the figures of civilians who were killed and wounded last month in air raids—6,000 killed and 7,000 injured. These figures showed that twice as many civilians were killed in one month in Britain as there were soldiers killed in all the desperate fighting in Greece.

CABLE GEORGE FORMBY ENTERTAINS



George Formby and wife with (left) his wife, Beryl, and (right) Geraldo, surrounded by an appreciative audience of soldiers and A.T.S. This photograph was taken during a camp concert, which was recently broadcast to the B.B.C.'s overseas listeners.

Must Expect Fighting To Increase In Severity

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ATTACK RESUMED

It is authoritatively learned that the Germans resumed their air-borne attack on Crete at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Three-thousand men were dropped but all were mopped up within two hours.

The Germans used Stukas, Messerschmitts, gliders, parachutists and troop-carriers, and many of the latter crashed on landing.

Reliable information received in London shows that on Monday the enemy carried out a bombardment on Crete from the air which continued all day.

Early Tuesday morning, the attack was renewed and parachutists were dropped while later, gliders and troop-carrying aircraft were employed.

Landings were made chiefly in the part of the island which has historically been a line of approach, namely the western side, but there were also landings at Herakleion.

ONE DIVISION

It is believed that at least one air-borne enemy division was involved in the operation, approximately 7,000 men.

A German air-borne division does not normally include parachute troops and it is pointed out that in the past, when the Germans landed an air-borne division, the operation had taken two days.

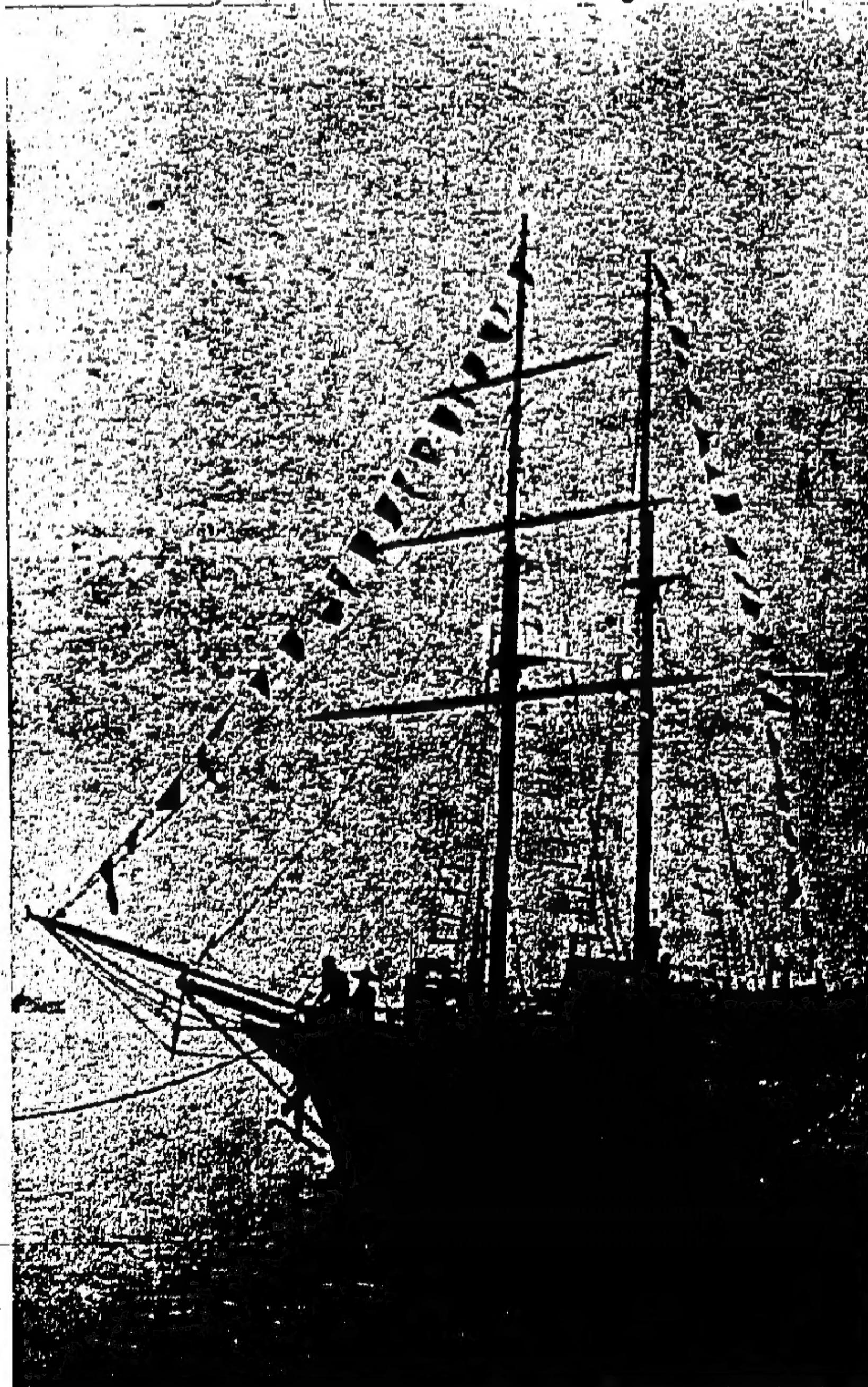
A German air-borne division is understood to contain two infantry regiments as against three in the Army division.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter)—Seven hundred million sterling has been raised by national savings in the first 19 months of this war, compared with £46,000,000 in the same period in the last war.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter)—The United States has offered to sell or charter two ships to Ireland and to supply food for the Irish civilian population.

BRIGANTINE LAUNCHED



Above shows the 55-ton brigantine which was launched at the Kwong On Shing Shipyard on Monday. (Mayfair Studio).

CABLE

VICHY-REICH ALLIANCE NOW FAIT ACCOMPLI: TURKISH PRESS VIEWS

ANKARA, May 21 (Reuter)—The alliance between Vichy and the Reich is now a fait accompli, declares the newspaper ULUS, while the ARDAM states that it is impossible to believe that France, who has done so much to spread liberty in the world, should now want to destroy it.

These are typical comments on Vichy's latest acts in the Turkish Press.

Regarding Syria, the YENISABAH, The Germans therefore have not chosen the best moment to start a campaign of intimidation against a markedly proud and patriotic people.

NOT OWN WAY

In a commentary broadcast by the B.B.C. last night, Major Allen Murray said that Vichy was not having everything its own way in the sale of France to Germany, "lock, stock and barrel" and, in the words of the well-known song, "Fifty-million Frenchmen can't be wrong."

FIRST PLACE

"But today when Vichy opens Syria to the Germans, when it is possible for the Axis to take over Syria, the vital interests of Turkey must take first place in our counsels."

Meanwhile German propagandists are putting about stories of a coming closer collaboration between the Reich and the Soviet Union. They are spreading rumours such as that the Russians will allow the German troops destined for Iraq to pass through the Caucasus.

The Germans are hinting that the U.S.S.R. has agreed to collaborate through fear of heavy German concentrations on her frontier and also reviving the rumours of a Soviet-German partition of the Middle East.

FRIGHTEN TURKS

The object of this whispering campaign is to frighten the Turks by presenting them with a bogey of the German army on the Western frontier and the Soviet-German armies on the Eastern borders.

The Turks on Tuesday will commemorate the landing of Mustapha Kemal at Samsund in 1919, when at one of the blackest moments of the country's history, Kemal started a great task of unifying and freeing the nation.

The whole Press breathes patriotism and recalls the glorious deeds of the past and declares that Turkey will prove not a less stalwart.

LONDONERS IGNORE BOMBINGS: BUSINESSMEN NO LONGER SEEK SHELTERS

Londoners have become accustomed to bombing and are no longer intimidated by it, according to a letter received by a Shanghai resident from his father, who is in the British capital.

The letter, extracts from which were published in the North China Daily News, shows that people are carrying on even though their offices have been destroyed, and there is great danger that their lives may be lost.

In the words of the writer: "It is really wonderful!" The letter describing these conditions was written while an air raid alarm was sounding, but the writer refused to take any notice of the alarm until he had finished his epistle. Extracts from the letter follow:

NO NOTICE TAKEN

"Then the owners of the building finished making their ten-roomed shelter and the evacuated firms all returned from the country. At first the staffs in the entire building went down to the shelter on the first warning siren and with the alarm sounding half a dozen times a day, there was little work done.

DETERMINED TO SUPPORT CHUNGKING

SINGAPORE, May 21 (Reuter)—Determination to support the Chinese Government in Chungking and "the resistance policy, national unification and fighting the Japanese invaders to the end," was reasserted by Mr. Tan Kah-kee, leader of Overseas Chinese in Malaya and chairman of the China Relief Fund Association, in a statement to pressmen here.

DOING MUCH FOR VICTORY

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter)—Admiration of the spirit of the British people under suffering was expressed by Mr. John G. Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, opening a hospital in the East End of London yesterday.

Mr. Winant said:

"You who work untiringly for the protection of others and are helping London to take it, are doing much for victory."

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1941.—PAGE 7

NOW IN PARIS



FIELD MARSHAL VON BRAUCHITSCH arrived in Paris by aeroplane yesterday morning, says the Paris Radio, according to Reuter. He was received at the aerodrome by General Von Stuebel, General Officer Commanding the occupying forces in France.

FRANCO-U.S. RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter)—It is reliably stated that Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, has told M. Henri Haye, the French Ambassador, that the only hope of restoring harmony in French and American relations was a full assurance that France should hold rigidly to the armistice terms in dealing with Germany.

MUST LEAVE SYRIA

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter)—The Vichy Government has notified the British Consular officials in Syria that they must leave within eight days.

TRIPLE FAMILY TRAGEDY

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter)—The announcement yesterday that Flying Officer Henry Francis Demelster Breese is missing marks a triple family tragedy of the war.

His father, Air Vice-Marshal C. D. Breese, was killed on active service as the result of a flying accident, it was announced in March.

His elder brother, Flight-Lieutenant J.C. Breese, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

HEINKEL DOWNED BY TRAWLERS

LONDON, May 21 (British Wireless)—An Admiralty communiqué states that on "Monday night" a Heinkel 111 was engaged and shot down off the east coast by H.M. trawlers Tranio, Thomas Leeds and Stella Leonis.

"The enemy aircraft had previously been under fire and damaged by H.M. minesweeper Princess Elizabeth. No casualty or damage was sustained by our ships."



—and we'll come clean easily, swiftly with a

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MR. JOHNSON
LEAVES FOR
AMERICA

LARGE GATHERING
AT AIRFIELD

Mr. Neilson, Mr. Johnson, new
American Minister to Australia,
left for the United States yesterday
morning by the China Clipper.

He was seen off at the airfield
by a large number of American
and Chinese officials, including Mr.

Clarence E. Gauss, the new Ameri-

can Ambassador to China, Mr. R.

P. Buttrick, Counsellor of the U.S.

Embassy in China, Mr. John J.

Brinsford, Acting American Consul-

General in Hongkong, Mr. Robert

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in Hongkong, Lt.-Colonel William

Mayer, U.S. military attaché in

China, Major J. M. McHugh, U.S.

naval attaché in China, Mr. Arthur

J. Campbell, U.S. Treasury repre-

sentative in Hongkong, Mr. O. K.

Yui, representing the Chinese Gov-

ernment, Major-General J. L.

Hwang, Director of the Officers

Moral Endeavour Association, Mr.

Loy Chang, Director of the Cus-

toms Administration, and Mr. A. J.

R. Moss, Superintendent of the Kai

Tak Airport. (Central).

FIVE STAGES
OF DEATH
BY THIRST

McGee, an American geologist of
large experience in desert regions,
who made numerous observations
on sufferers from extreme thirst,
has distinguished five stages
through which men pass on their
way to death from lack of water.

In the first stage is a feeling
of dryness in the mouth and
throat accompanied by a craving
for liquid. This condition may be
alleviated by a moderate quantity
of water, or by exciting the flow
of saliva in some way. In the
second stage the saliva and the
tissues in the mouth and throat
become sticky and scanty.

DRY DEADNESS

There is a feeling of dry dead-
ness of the mucous membranes.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

THEFT OF ELECTRIC WIRE

Luk Shu-chung, 29, unemployed,
of no fixed abode, appeared before
Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday
on charges of stealing 21 feet of
electric wire from the staircase of
No. 90, Des Vieux Road West, and
possession of one screw driver and
one knife, which were fit for an
unlawful purpose.

Stated to be a returned ban-
shee, defendant was additionally
charged with breach of the depor-
tation order.

Besides being sentenced to one
month's hard labour on each
charge, the terms to run concur-
rently, defendant was also recom-
mended for banishment.

Sgt. W. McLeod prosecuted.

EUROPEAN FINED

A. A. C. Morant, Director of
Trust Industrial Belga-Français,
residing at No. 35, Shouson Hill,
was fined \$10 by Mr. Sheldon, K.C.,
yesterday for possession of a
camera at Island Road, near the
reservoir, on May 4, without first
having obtained permission in
writing from the Commissioner of
Police.

Sgt. F. Simpson, who prosecuted,
said that he found only family
pictures on the film after it had
been developed.

Defendant pleaded guilty and
said that he was ignorant of the
regulations.

TRESPASSED IN SCHOOL

Wu Wah, 25, unemployed, was
charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry
yesterday with trespassing at the
Ellis Kadouré School and as-
saulting Fung Yau, coolie of the
School.

He denied that he had assaulted
Fung and the charge to that effect
was withdrawn against him.

Sgt. H. Goldie said that about
10 a.m. on May 25, defendant was
found in one of the classrooms.
When asked for the reason of his
presence there, defendant said that
he was looking for a student friend
of his by the name of Chan Tak-
kee, but no student could be located
to answer that name.

Defendant admitted one previous
conviction.

A fine of \$10 or 14 days' hard
labour was imposed.

THEFT BY SERVANT

Wong Kau, 32, "boy" formerly
employed by Mr. A. I. Cash, In-
spector of Works, P. W. D., was
charged before Major Macfadyen
yesterday with larceny, by servant,
of £6 in notes, three bottles of
whisky, a case of Ewo beer and
20 pounds of sheet brass, to the
value of \$181.50, from Tytan Bun-
galow between Dec. last and Mar.
31.

Sgt. F. Simpson said that defen-
dant had been caught stealing
before but was given a chance by
complainant.

On Mar. 12, complainant had a
\$1 note missing and questioned
defendant, who said he knew
nothing about it. Two days later,
he asked defendant about the
money again and this time defen-
dant admitted stealing it.

Mr. Cash then tried to inform
the Police by telephone but was
stopped by defendant, who snatched
the telephone from his hands
and disappeared. A check was
made and the articles mentioned
in the charge were found to be
stolen.

The Police were informed and
defendant, who was working at a
house in Prince Edward Road was
arrested.

Pleading guilty, defendant was
sent to two months' hard labour.

The air breathed in appears hot,
and the tongue clings to the teeth
and cleaves to the roof of the
mouth. A lump seems to rise in
the throat and starts endless swal-
lowing motions to dislodge it.
Water and wetness are then exalt-
ed as the end of all excellence.
At this stage the distress can be
alleviated by permitting the sipping
of a few drops of water at a time.

The last three stages are too
harassing for minute description.
Suffice it to say that the eyelids
stiffen over eyeballs set in a sight-
less stare, the tongue tip hardens
to a dull weight, and the wretched
victim has illusions of limpid lakes
and sparkling streams. At these
stages to give even a small quantity
of fluid immediately causes
death from heart failure.

DRY DEADNESS

There is a feeling of dry dead-
ness of the mucous membranes.

GENERAL

ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION
OF 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL:
GAOL TERM FOR WIDOW

THE SORDID STORY OF HOW THE ABDUCTION OF A 15-YEAR-
OLD GIRL was foiled by the presence of mind on the intended
victim's part was told before Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Central
Magistracy yesterday, when a 52-year-old widow, Chan Yau, of no
fixed abode, was charged with having unlawfully taken the girl out
of the possession and against the will of her mother.

For returning from banishment, the loss was told her and by
soothsaying words, defendant, who was a complete stranger to the
mother, was easily taken by the mother as a friend.

Two days later about 8 a.m., defendant went to visit the family.
After exchanging a few words with the mother, defendant told her that
she would like to take the girl out for meals.

It was stated that defendant had a
previous conviction for kidnapping.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes
said that the girl and her family,
consisting of a mother and a
younger brother, were street sleepers
in Mercer Street, West Point.

QUILT STOLEN

On May 8, the mother discovering
that quilt had been stolen from
her bedding began to cry over it
and defendant passing by stopped
and enquired what was the matter.

STAIRCASE
ROBBERY
SEQUEL

HEAVY GAOL TERM
FOR ACCUSED

Remarking to defendant that he
had been convicted of a very
serious charge and the only way
to deal with the offence was by
inflicting heavier sentences, Mr.

Justice P. E. F. Cressall at the Cri-
minal Sessions yesterday imposed
sentence of three years' hard labour
with 18 strokes of the cane on
Tang Ki, 20, who pleaded guilty to
a charge of robbery by two or more.

Two other men, Mak Fong-
shing, 18, and Ho Fuk, 26, who
both pleaded not guilty to the
offence were discharged.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant
Crown Solicitor, who appeared for
the prosecution, told his Lordship
that evidence of identification was
not very strong and that the
Chinese proposed to withdraw the
case against the two accused.

PEPPER THROWN

Giving a brief outline of the
facts, Mr. Murphy said that Chan
Tin-yu was going up the stairs of
No. 8 Battery Street when he was
seized by three men and pepper
thrown in his face. He was rob-
bed of his purse containing \$4, a
bunch of keys and a whistle. The
men escaped but first accused was
later identified by Chan as one of
his attackers.

Mr. Murphy revealed that first
accused had three previous con-
victions for larceny.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser assisted in
the prosecution.

D. O. SOUTH

WILD TREE WOOD

Lo Leung was fined \$5, or one
week's hard labour, when he plead-
ed guilty before Mr. S. F. Balfour
yesterday to the charge of posses-
sion of one wild tree wood measur-
ing four feet long and five inches in
diameter, at No. 1, Section, Water
Catchment, Shing Mun, on May 20.

EXPULSION ORDER

Cheung Ting and Wong Ho ap-
peared on remand before Mr. S. F. Balfour
yesterday on the charge of cutting pine trees in Mong Tung
Wan, Lantau Island, on May 19,
and, on being convicted, were sent-
enced to one month's hard labour
each to be followed by expulsion.

MARINE COURT

STEERSMAN FINED

A fine of \$30 was imposed by
Cmrd. T. C. Stiff at the Marine
Court yesterday on Li Shing, 24,
steersman of trading junk No.
T3904H, who was charged with
having on May 20 anchored his
junk in the prohibited and
controlled area in the Tathong
Channel Minefield.

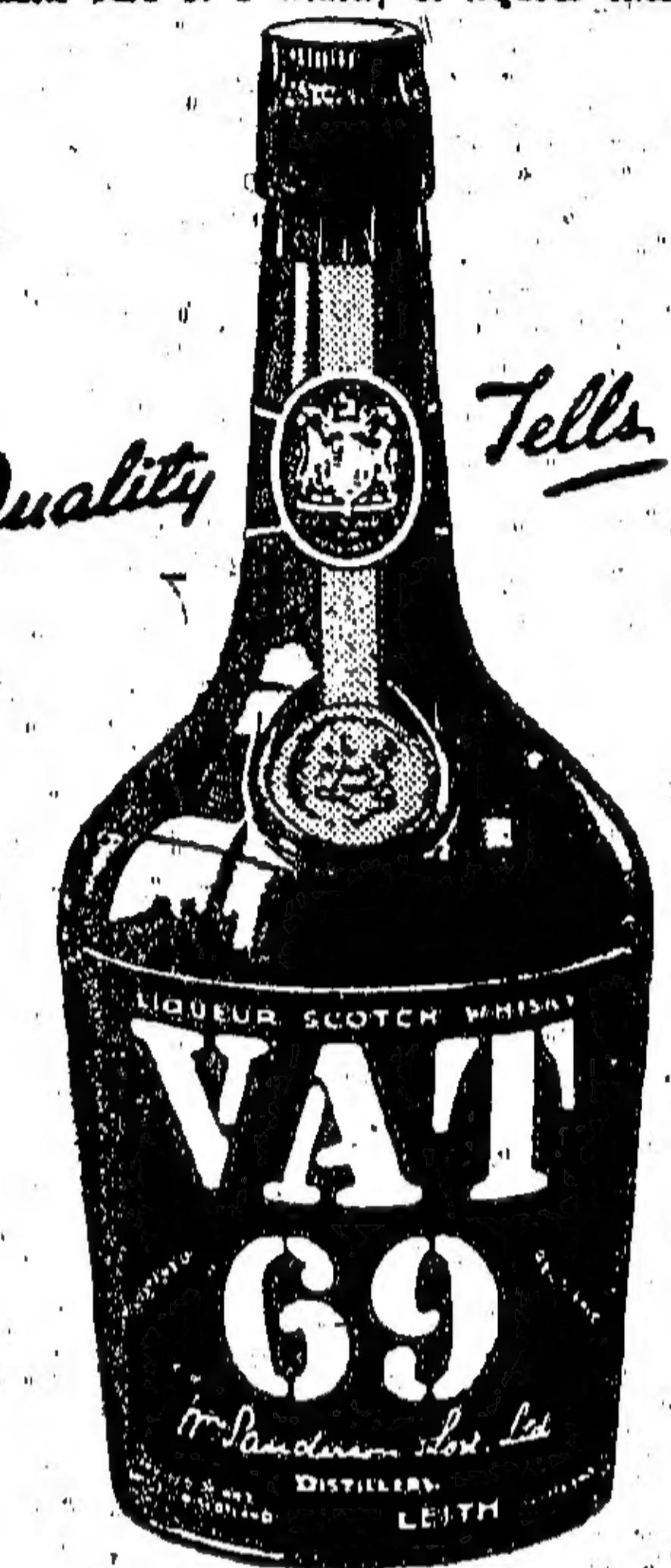
ILLEGAL TOWING

Lee Sing, coxswain of the steam
launch "Cheung Wo" was fined
\$10 when he pleaded guilty to
having towed at one time three
junks of over 1,500 piculs capacity
through the south entrance to the
Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

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MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 21, 1941.

On London:— Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8 Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8 Credits 4 months' sight

On Shanghai:— On demand 435

On Singapore:— On demand 52 3/4

On Japan:— On demand 102 1/2

On India:— Telegraphic Transfer, 82 5/8 and demand

On New York:— Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8 Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/8

On Batavia:— On demand 45 1/4

On Paris:— Bank Bills, on demand Nom. Credits 4 months' sight Nom.

On Saigon:— On demand 104 1/2

On Manila:— On demand 48 1/4

On Bangkok:— On demand 149 1/2

On Sterling Notes:— Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.

Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Wednesday, May 21.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 7/16 for Forward. Silver advice reported the market as being steady with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 24 1/2 for near and forward buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 453 with business done subsequently at 454. The market closed with probable sellers at 454 1/2, buyers at 455.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 5/16 and closed with sellers at 3 19/64 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 13/32 and closed with sellers at 5 3/8 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 21 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening

London 0/3-3/16

New York 5-3/16

Japan 22

India 17-5/8

Paris nominal

Hongkong 21-1/8

Sterling

Sellers

Opening

London 0/3-5/18 0/3-19/64

May 0/3-5/18 0/3-19/64

June 0/3-5/18 0/3-19/64

U.S. Dollars

Spot 55-13/32 55-13/32

May 5-13/32 5-13/32

June 5-13/32 5-13/32

Market Quiet.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 20 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 20 (Reuter).

Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 505-40-0.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, May 20 (Reuter). Silver—Small trade order was covered from production selling. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was steady with no business.

Spot 23-1/2d.

Forward, 23-7/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, May 20 (Reuter).

Market—Steady. Oftake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-01

May 21 Settlement 62-09

June 20 Settlement 62-10

LONDON GOLD

London, May 20 (Reuter).

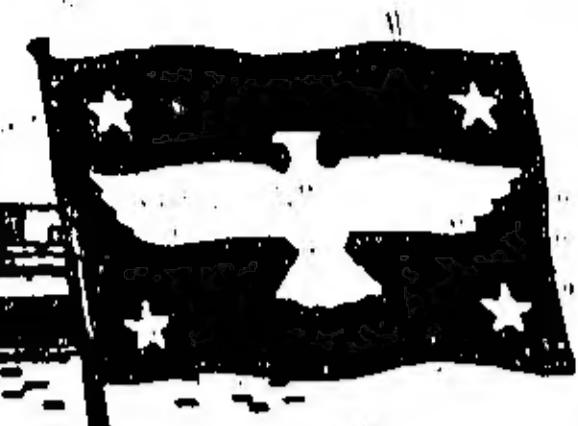
Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 168/-

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 20, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	13.07	12.54	12.50	12.58	.08 up
New York Rubber, July	23.70	23.35	23.89	23.35	.54 off
Chicago Wheat, July	1008	99	963	994	.1 off
Chicago Corn, July	74	73	74	73	.1 up
New York Hides, June	15.15	14.95	14.82	15.14	.32 up
NEW YORK COTTON					
July	12.90/90	12.98/99	12.98	.08 up	
October	13.04/08	13.11/12	13.07	.07 up	
December	13.12/13	13.19/19	13.07	.07 up	
January	13.12/13	13.19/19	13.07	.07 up	
March	13.19/19	13.27/27	13.08	.08 up	
Spot	13.31	13.39	13.38	.08 up	
Total sales Monday:—213,300 bales.					
NEW YORK RUBBER					
July (New contract)	23.89/90	23.35/35	23.54	.54 off	
September ()	23.60/60	22.95/95	22.55	.55 off	
December ()	22.70b/75a	22.15/15	22.55	.55 off	
March ()	22.70b/75a	22.15/15	22.55	.55 off	
Total sales for the day:—2,370 tons.					
CHICAGO WHEAT					
July	993/994	993/994	993/994	.1 off	
September	1003/1004	1003/1004	1003/1004	.1 off	
Monday's sales:—23,479,000 bushels.					
CHICAGO CORN					
July	738/738	738/738	738/738	.1 up	
September	741/741	741/741	741/741	.1 up	
NEW YORK HIDES					
June	14.82/82	15.14/14	15.14	.32 up	
September	15.05/05	15.30/31	15.30/31	.25 up	
Total sales for the day:—191 lots.					
NEW YORK COCOA					
September	7.83 N	7.78 N	7.78	.05 off	
The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.					
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3					
July	2.42b/44a	2.45b/48a	2.45b/48a	.03 up	
September	2.46b/47a	2.49b/50a	2.49b/50a	.03 up	
Volume of business done:—149 lots.					
The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.					
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4					
July	.84b/.85a	.83b/.84a	.83b/.84a	.00 off	
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES					
July	11.75b/95a	11.75b/95a	11.75b/95a	unch.	
NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL					
July	10.80b/83a	10.81b/82a	10.81b/82a	.01 up	
NEW YORK LARD					
September	10.07/07	10.15b	10.15b	.08 up	
NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER					
September	7.08/08	7.07b/09a	7.07b/09a	.01 off	
The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.					
N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4					
N.Y. London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4					

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R.A.F. & Royal Navy

LONDON, May 21 (Reuters) — In widespread attacks on enemy shipping during the week ending May 19, units of the British Navy and R.A.F. have sunk at least eight supply ships totalling 40,500 tons.

In addition, during a highly successful attack by the Fleet Air Arm on an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean, a merchant ship of 8,000 tons blew up with a violent explosion, an enemy destroyer was hit and clouds of smoke were seen pouring from it.

AMERICAN BOMBERS

Aircraft manufactured in the United States have been used as bombers in the North African campaign for the first time.

They participated in an air bombardment of an enemy position round Fort Capuzzo on the afternoon of May 18, it is revealed by the Air Ministry news service.

Heavy bombs were dropped on German tanks and mechanised vehicles dispersed near the old Capuzzo aerodrome.

The squadron in question has an American citizen on its nominal roll. He is a Sergeant air-gunner who received the Distinguished Flying Medal for gallantry in the Abyssinian campaign.

NAZIS & SINKING
OF ZAMZAM

LONDON, May 21 (Reuters) — Reports reaching London say that the Germans are now circulating reports that the Zamzam was sunk by a mine. It is pointed out, however, that if she went down in the deep waters of the South Atlantic it is extremely unlikely that mines would have been encountered there. In any case, if she did strike a floating mine or one that had broken adrift, how did the Germans know about it?

On the other hand, this part of the Atlantic is known to be frequented by German pirates and their sinking by torpedoes is much more likely.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 22 to 25 May 1941.

Days of Week	HIGH WATER			LOW WATER		
	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	
Thu.	22	07 27	5 6	00 23	2 4	
		18 37	4 6	13 24	2 7	
Fri.	23	07 02	6 0	00 57	2 5	
		20 33	4 6	14 09	2 3	
Sat.	24	08 14	6 3	01 37	2 8	
		21 18	4 5	14 47	1 7	
Sun.	25	08 35	6 6	02 10	2 6	
		22 03	4 5	15 28	1 4	
Mon.	26	08 57	6 4	02 43	2 7	
		22 43	4 5	16 08	1 1	
Tues.	27	09 24	7 1	03 14	2 9	
		23 24	4 4	16 44	0 8	
Wed.	28	09 52	7 1	03 44	3 1	
		—	—	17 24	0 6	

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PRISON AND
CAKE FOR
YOUNG MAN

Stated by the prosecution to be one of three men taking part in an assault on an accountant with intent to rob him, KWONG KI, 20, was sent to prison for 18 months with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice Cressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when he was found guilty on the charge by a jury comprising of Messrs. P. N. A. Jensen (Foreman), T. van Trong, Li Koon-pak, V. J. Garcia, Fung Shin-chung, Ivan Kong and Leung Haw-kwong.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that about 9 p.m. on Apr. 19, Ngoo Gee-wo, accountant of the Chinese Telegraph Company, was returning to his home, No. 138 Portland Street, second floor. As he was going up the stairs he was seized by two men while a third threatened him with a knife.

Mr. Murphy said that the type of robbery on a staircase, especially at night, was becoming very frequent in the Colony.

When charged, accused, in a statement, denied he had anything to do with the matter.

In evidence yesterday, accused stated he went to look for a friend that night.

Accused called So Hau, a seaman, to give evidence. So stated he did not know whether accused went to look for him as he was not in Hongkong on Apr. 19.

A.R.P. ORDERS

MAY, 1941

A.R.P. Orders by Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

STRENGTH DECREASE

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:—Yau-mati—1385 Miss Ng Hon-king, 2753 Yum Hung-fung, Upper Levels—2404 Ip Kay, 621 Miss Wan Wal-ching, 1649 Miss Sin Ching-yan, Western—1035 Tse Yiu-kwan, 1078 Chai Kim-hung, 3502 Mrs. Yu Kwok-ying, Shamshuipo—3107 Mrs. Chiu Mei-shin.

The following Wardens have been struck off the strength:—Western—2880 Cheng Man-kim, Kowloon City—3140 Lam Klu-fu.

The undermentioned being members of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade are struck off the strength of the Corps—392 Ho Moon-fai (T. Land), 1427 Deputy S/W Chiu Shun-chun (A).

BEVERSION

Shamshuipo—Acting Group Warden 1892 Miss Yau Kwan-fung reverts to the rank of Senior Warden at her own request.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Kowloon City—2040 Rason Chan (E.V.) to 41 Hau Wong Rd., ground floor. Shamshuipo—2240 Miss Tsang Chi-kin (Y.) to 420 Portland St., 1st floor. S/W 1742 Lee Shum-ting (M.K. T.) to 128 Lai Chi Kok Rd., 1st floor; 814 Chan Yuk-woo to 121 Nanchang St., 2nd floor. Eastern—578 Shek Siu-kwong (U.L.) to 36 Sau Wah-fong, 2nd floor, 1027 Lee Kung-yung and 1034 Tong Wah-yap (W.) to 1 Queen's Rd., East, 2nd floor. Upper Levels—Deputy District Warden Au Yan to 4 Wing Wah Terrace, ground floor. Western—G/W 2222 Tse Chun-hung (Y.) to 10 Des Voeux Road West.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Quarry Bay—1230 Miss Lau Ching-chee and 1294 Cheung Tin-fook granted 1 month's sick leave as from May 20. Gough Hill—1303 B. C. Birch granted 4 months' leave as from May 20. Shamshuipo—3040 Ip Ying-ting granted 4 weeks' leave as from May 8.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from May 20:—Mongkok—Senior Wardens—1773 Dep. S/W Wong Siu-chan, 1741 Dep. S/W Miss Yung Ping-sheung, 1774 Wong Tak, Deputy Senior Wardens—1163 Chan Mark-shan, 2588 Ng Cheuk-yeo, 1722 Ho Yuk-lin (Miss), 2584 Cheung Kwok-wah. Shamshuipo—Acting Group Warden 2022 S/W Li Wing-hon, Deputy Group Warden—1928 S/W Yu Fook-sheung. Acting Senior Wardens—1865 Dep. S/W Chan Yiu-chung, 3120 Miss Wong Yin-kwan. Senior Warden—344 Lau Mel-sang. Deputy Senior Wardens—2412 Chan Ho Ming, 2756 Chan Kook-chu, 3128 Ho Hung, 3655 Chu Yin-kwan, 3656 Chung Man-shek, 3744 Lung Shing-tim, 3745 Ng Yat-ku, 3032 Tong Tung-ching, 3034 Tong Ying-lu, 3415 Kung Yick.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Wardens Class (E. 49) in English A.R.P. School and Headquarters, Happy Valley, Mondays and Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, June 5. Lecturer: F. R. Hiden, A.R.P.S.

Wardens Classes in Chinese (Syllabus "A")

C339 Ching Kwon School, Ching Fung Street, Causeway Bay, Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. commencing on May 22. Lecturer: Mr. P. Chak, A.R.P.S. C340 Talkoo Sugar Re-

DECREASE IN COLONY'S TOTAL
VISIBLE TRADE IN APRIL

According to an official report released for publication by the SUPERINTENDENT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of April, 1941, totalled \$118.3 millions (\$73.3 millions) as compared with \$130.9 millions (\$81.1 millions) in April 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony decreased by 9.6 per cent. in April, 1941 as compared with April, 1940; and by 9.9 per cent. in terms of sterling. Imports of merchandise in April, 1941, totalled \$65.9 millions (\$41.1 millions) as compared with \$72.1 millions (\$45.3 millions) in April, 1940, and exports \$52.4 millions (\$32.3 millions) as compared with \$58.7 millions (\$36.3 millions).

Imports of merchandise in April, 1941 decreased by 8.6 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 8.9 per cent. in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in April, 1941 decreased by 10.7 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 8.3 per cent. in terms of sterling.

During the first four months of 1941 imports of merchandise totalled \$249.7 millions (\$15.5 millions) as compared with \$270.4 millions (\$16.7 millions) in the corresponding period of 1940; and exports \$193.6 millions (\$12.0 millions) as compared with \$210.9 millions (\$13.0 millions).

Imports of merchandise during each of the four months of 1941 as compared with the corresponding months of 1940 and 1939, in \$'s and £'s sterling (in millions):—

Imports Export

1939 1940 1941 1939 1940 1941

Jan. \$40.7 59.7 60.1 \$40.2 61.9 52.9

Feb. \$25.5 43.3 37.7 \$25.3 38.3 33

Mar. \$36.8 53.0 55.3 \$36.5 42.2 38.0

Apr. \$23.3 33.3 34.4 \$23.3 26.2 24

May. \$48.0 75.7 68.5 \$43.9 48.0 50.3

June. \$30.0 47.4 42.2 27.7 3.0 3.1

July. \$57.1 72.1 65.9 \$49.9 58.7 52.4

Aug. \$3.5 4.5 4.1 \$2.0 3.6 3.3

Comparative Figures
The following table shows comparative imports and exports of merchandise during each of the four months of 1941 as compared with the corresponding months of 1940 and 1939, in \$'s and £'s sterling (in millions):—

FOREIGN MAIIS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 22nd MAY, 1941.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H. K. \$2.00 per ½ oz. for letters and H. K. \$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
Szechuan
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Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAIIS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th May.....	3rd June
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OUTWARD AIR MAIIS

For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	
	FRI 23rd K.P.O.
Reg. 4.00 PM	
Ord. 4.30 PM	
G.P.O.	
Reg. 4.00 PM	
Ord. 4.30 PM	
TUESDAY	
	TUE 3rd June K.P.O.
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 5.30 PM	
G.P.O.	
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 7.00 PM	
	TUE, 17th June K.P.O.
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 5.30 PM	
G.P.O.	
Reg. 5.00 PM	
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TUESDAY

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MRS. ROOSEVELT'S
GIFT TO MME.
CHIANG KAI-SHEK

NEW YORK, May 10.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, yesterday sent Madame Chiang Kai-shek, a Chinese legendairy print dress which she purchased at a preview of dresses intended for sale for Chinese relief. Mrs. Roosevelt also bought four for herself.

She also wrote Madame Chiang thanking her for the welcome extended her son Captain James Roosevelt, U.S.M.C., when he passed through Chungking recently en route to Cairo.

"I hope you will enjoy this dress, made here from material being sold for Chinese relief," Mrs. Roosevelt wrote. "You were so kind to my son and we deeply appreciate it."

"With every good wish for this good cause and to you and the Generalissimo, believe me cordially yours, Eleanor Roosevelt," the letter concluded.

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